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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid 0MB control number. Application Number 09/701,095 REQUEST **FOR** Filing Date November 22, 2000 CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) First Named Inventor Toyotaro TOKIMOTO ET AL. **TRANSMITTAL** Address to: APR 19 7006 Commissioner for Patents Art Unit 2672 Mail StopRCE Examiner Name J. Brier lexandria, VA 22313-1450 Attorney Docket TOKIMOTO et al-PCT RCE 3 This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2. 1. [Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114] a. [] Previously submitted i. [] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii. [] Other b. [X] Enclosed i. [X] Preliminary Amendment/Replyii. [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. [X] Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. [] Other 2. [Miscellaneous] a. [] Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months: Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required) b. [] Other 3. [Fees] The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. a. [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-2468 RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) iii. [] Other b. [X] Check in the amount of \$395.00 enclosed c. [] Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED 29,298 Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) Name (Print/Type) Signature April 19, 2006 CERTIFICATE OF MAILING EX 857473234 US EXPRESS MAIL NO Date of Deposit: April 19, 2006 I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10, on the date indicated above, and is addressed to the Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O., Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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